

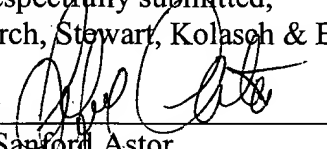
### REMARKS

The Examiner has set forth a telephone conference with counsel, in which the Examiner suggested the application would be allowable if Applicant would cancel the withdrawn process claims and incorporate the GPC limitation into Claim 26. The Examiner mentions Claim 15, however Applicant believes that the Examiner meant Claim 11 as Claim 15 is a dependent claim, dependent on Claim 11. Therefore, the GPC limitation should be added to independent claims 11 and 26, but not Claim 15.

Applicant has now canceled withdrawn claims 16 – 23 and added the GPC limitation to the independent claims 11 and 26. This should make allowable all of the remaining claims, not already allowed. Early allowance of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Sanford Astor (Reg. No. 20748) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,  
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